

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	JULY 5, 2000)	
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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)	DOCKET NO. 00-00062
INC. TARIFF FILING FOR CONTRACT)	
SERVICE ARRANGEMENT TN 99-1533-02)	

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET DUE TO VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on May 23, 2000 on the tariff filing of BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. for approval to offer Contract Service Arrangement TN 99-1533-02 ("CSA"). BellSouth filed the tariff on January 28, 2000.

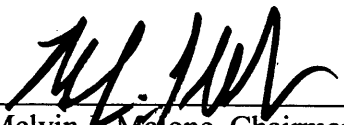
At a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 15, 2000, the Directors unanimously voted to suspend the tariff for thirty (30) days. The tariff next appeared on the agenda for the April 25, 2000 Authority Conference.¹ At the April 25, 2000 Authority Conference, the Directors found that the CSA did not contain the required customer's acknowledgment of competitive alternatives. In addition, the Directors found that the termination provisions contained in the CSA did not reference any existing tariff provision and included a one-hundred percent (100%) buy-out provision. Finally, the Directors noted that BellSouth had not yet responded to the Authority's data requests. As a result, the Directors voted to suspend the tariff until May 29, 2000.

¹ The Authority received a letter on March 21, 2000 from BellSouth. In the letter, BellSouth voluntarily agreed to extend the effective date of the tariff for thirty (30) days because BellSouth needed additional time to reply to Authority's data requests.


The Authority noticed BellSouth that the Authority would consider Docket No. 00-00062 at its May 23, 2000 Authority Conference. BellSouth filed a letter on May 22, 2000 expressing its desire to withdraw the tariff. During the May 23, 2000 Authority Conference, the Directors questioned BellSouth's representative concerning the reasons for the withdrawal. Upon learning that BellSouth withdrew the tariff because of its inability to comply with the Directors' request for the customer's acknowledgment of competitive alternatives, the Directors accepted the withdrawal of the tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Because BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. has withdrawn Tariff No. 00-00062, this Docket is closed.



Melvin J. Malone, Chairman



H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director



Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary